

News *from* the City of Gardner



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A Look Back at 2006 and What is Upcoming in 2007

The City of Gardner has finished another successful year for its residents. In 2007, the City's sesquicentennial year, plans continue to make Gardner a great place for those that have been here for generations and for those that have just made Gardner their home. Here's a look back at what Gardner achieved in 2006 and its plans for 2007.

Parks and Recreation—The City began expansion of the Cornerstone Pool to become the Gardner Aquatics Facility. Work on the project began in the late spring 2006 with preparation for the area where the new lazy river, water slides, and zero depth entry features are being constructed. The project has continued to move along on schedule and is anticipated to open Memorial Day weekend 2007. A celebration to dedicate the facility is being planned. Watch the City's website and newsletter for more details this spring.

Parks and Recreation also started work on Celebration Park, named in honor of the City's 150th Birthday. This park is being funded, along with the Gardner Aquatics Facility, with a half cent sales tax that was approved by voters in 2005. Celebration Park is located at the corner of Kill Creek Drive and 159th Street in Gardner. It is scheduled to open in fall of 2007, providing expanded baseball, softball and soccer facilities. The park also contains walking paths, a lake, and shelter facilities.

In addition to these exciting projects, the City also purchased land for a new neighborhood park in the Quail Meadow subdivision in 2006. The property is located west of Waverly Road on 167th Street. The City will be completing plans for the new neighborhood park in 2007. The park will sit adjacent to the future Kill Creek Trail that has been incorporated in the Johnson County Trails Master Plan and will eventually run from 151st to 175th Street. The City also completed installing tennis court lighting at the high school courts to replace the lighted courts that were removed to make way for the new Gardner Aquatics Facility. Westside Park lighting was improved in 2006. In 2007, the City will hire additional parks staff to ensure that all facilities are properly maintained as the recreation opportunities expand.

Public Safety—In 2006, planning for the new Plum

Creek Public Safety station began. The site is 2.25 acres, located next to the 183rd Street water tower. The facility will house a pumper that was purchased in 2005 and the new ladder truck that will be delivered to the City in 2007. The City also purchased land for a third public safety station to be located off of 167th Street near Kill Creek Drive. This facility is planned to be constructed in 2009. The department has been working to enhance its operation to meet the growing of Gardner. The addition of a Fire Captain in 2006 is one of the ways the City is preparing its staff to handle public safety operations. In 2007, four additional personnel will be added to increase coverage and a new outdoor warning siren will be installed in the northwest.

Public Works—A variety of projects is keeping Gardner's Public Works Department busy. Land for a new operations facility will be purchased in 2007. This facility will house Public Works equipment and provide a base for operations.



Street Improvement and Development—Gardner plans to continue its asphalt and concrete rehabilitation program in 2007. In 2006, the City spent over \$300,000 on improvements to existing residential streets. In

2007, the City has budgeted \$350,000 for this program. In addition to maintenance of streets, the City will also work to further enhance its road network in 2007 by relocating the Santa Fe and Moonlight Road intersection to the south. This will ease congestion at peak traffic times. In 2006, the City worked with the Kansas Department of Transportation to add left turn signals in all directions at Main Street and Moonlight Road to improve the function of the intersection. During 2007, Lincoln Lane project west of Moonlight Road will be constructed to provide relief to Moonlight Road by allowing an additional access to the Moonlight Plaza shopping center from the west. Moonlight Road widening project north of 56 Hwy. will be bid in late 2007 for construction in 2008 and will be completed in 2009.

The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

Welcome to 2007! I hope your holiday season was joyfully spent with family and friends!

2007 is going to be an exciting year for the City of Gardner. Not only do we have our City Council and Staff working on projects to improve the City for its residents, we also have a year long birthday party planned for Gardner!

In this edition of the City Newsletter we have taken time to reflect on many 2006 accomplishments, from the installation of left turn signals at Main and Moonlight to the construction progress of the new aquatics center and the community park. Plans and projects, not as visible but no less important, range from designing the new public safety building which will be build on 183rd Street to instituting a new level pay plan for utility customers. Planning for progress, maintaining public infrastructure and striving for the best service levels possible are ongoing goals of each department. Gardner is a great place to be and we are committed to making the future of our City brighter and better than ever.

Gardner is 150 years old in 2007. You are personally invited to the Sesquicentennial kick-off event that will be held in the lobby of City Hall on Tuesday, January 16th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Gardner's proud history is one worthy of celebration and we hope you will join us to recognize the Sesquicentennial Committee members, visit the historical displays, and learn more about the upcoming events that will be happening through September 2007. The City will provide a giant birthday cake for the event! To learn more about what the Sesquicentennial Committee is planning, please visit the City's website for information on all the events throughout 2007.

2007 will be a memorable and fun filled year for Gardner. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and good health.

Sincerely,

Time to License Your Pets!

All canines (dogs) and felines (cats) living in the City Limits of Gardner are required to have a City license for each calendar year. The prices for the durable tags are \$12.00 for a non-spay or non-neutered animal and \$6.00 for a spay or neutered animal. Tags can be purchased at the Gardner Department of Public Safety building or by mail. To purchase a City license for your animal, you will need to provide a copy of a current rabies vaccination. Licenses maybe purchased with cash or a personal check; no credit or debit cards will be accepted. The pet license year runs from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. For questions, call the Department of Public Safety at 913-856-7312.



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It is the mission of the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to establish, preserve and manage public parks, greenways and recreation facilities and to offer a variety of leisure opportunities to benefit and enrich the quality of life for the people of the community.

Youth Baseball, Softball and T-Ball

<u>Program</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Boys T-Ball	Gardner	5-6	\$40
Girls T-Ball	Gardner	5-6	\$40
Girls Softball	Gardner/Spring Hill	7-8	\$50
Girls Softball	Gardner/Spring Hill	9-10	\$55
Girls Softball	Gardner/Spring Hill	11-12	\$60
Girls Softball	Tri-County	13-15	\$70
Boys Baseball	Gardner	7-8	\$50
Boys Baseball	Gardner	9-10	\$55
Boys Baseball	Big 4	11-12	\$60
Boys Baseball	Big 4	13-14	\$70
Boys Baseball	Big 4	15-16	\$70



(Note: The Big 4 League consists of Gardner, Spring Hill, Wellsville, Baldwin, DeSoto and Eudora)

Coaches must submit an Application Form by March 2nd.

Team requests can be made, but are not guaranteed!

The division that your child plays in is based on their age as of July 31, 2007 (Boys) and January 1, 2007 (Girls).

Registration Deadline: March 9th

Late Registration will be accepted to fill up teams only, and will be charged a \$15 late fee.

Parent's Name: _____ Phone/Home _____ Work _____

Email Address: _____

Players Name: _____ D/O/B: _____ Male / Female

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Circle Division: Boys T-Ball Girls T-Ball 7&8 Girls 9&10 Girls 11&12 Girls 13-15 Girls

7&8 Boys 9&10 Boys 11-12 Boys 13-14 Boys 15&16 Boys

Shirt Size: _____ YS (6-8) _____ YM (10-12) _____ YL (14-16) _____ AS (18-20)

_____ AM (22-24) _____ AL (26-28) _____ AXL (30-32) _____ AXXL (34-36)

Pants Size: (for Baseball and Softball 9 & 10 and up) Youth inseam from 13 to 21-3/4"; Adult inseam from 22-1/2" to 24-1/2"

_____ YXS (20-22) _____ YS (24-26) _____ YM (27-29) _____ YL (30-32) _____ YXL (34-36)

_____ AS (28-30) _____ AM (32-34) _____ AL (36-38) _____ AXXL (44-46) _____ AXXXL (48-50)

The following statement must be completed by at least one parent / guardian:

We certify that all the information is correct and accurate. We hereby give our approval for our child's participation in any and all activities associated with the Gardner Parks and Recreation Youth Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball Program. We assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from activities; and do hereby agree to hold harmless sponsors, participants, and all persons associated with the Gardner Parks and Recreation directly or indirectly. Also, I/we authorize the Gardner Parks and Recreation to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participant while participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or the undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____



Opening Day...May 26, 2007
Closing Day...September 3, 2007
(Open on weekends only after August 12)

Hours of Operation
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mon-Sun

Address
Cornerstone Park, 215 N. Center

Telephone
Pool (913) 856-8206
Weather Hotline (913) 905-1770

Daily Admission:

\$5.00
(All Ages)

Season Passes on Sale Now!

Resident Rates

Family Pass (Maximum of 5, additional persons \$15.00)	\$135.00
Individual Pass (All ages)	\$75.00

Non-Resident Rates

Family Pass (Maximum of 5, additional persons \$15.00)	\$175.00
Individual Pass (All ages)	\$110.00

****Must show proof of residency at time of purchase**



Pool passes are now available for purchase at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center located in the front lobby of City Hall.

*Hurry! Purchase before May 1, 2007 and receive
\$20.00 off any family pass or \$10.00 off any individual pass!*

Book a Pool Party!

Gardner Parks and Recreation is now taking pool party reservations for the 2007 Season. The new Aquatics Center will be a great location for your next birthday party, family reunion or any fun occasion! Call 856-0936 to make your reservation today!

Party Shelter Rental

Available Mon-Sun 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
\$25/hr (2-hr max)

Private Pool & Shelter Rental

Available Mon-Sun 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

0-50 Participants	\$125
51-75 Participants	\$150
76-100 Participants	\$175
101 and Up	\$225

****Private Pool Parties will be held in
the lap lane pool only.**



2007 Summer Job Opportunities

The City of Gardner is now accepting applications for seasonal positions with the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2007 Summer season. Applications will be accepted through February 1, 2007. For further information and an application, visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.

Positions and REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS are:

***Pool Manager** – Primary responsibilities include oversight of all activities at the Gardner Aquatics Facility, including employee schedules, collection of fees, pool maintenance, special event programming, training and evaluation of employees, directly supervising 60+ employees. Must obtain Ellis Lifeguard Training Certification. Base pay \$6,100 season.

***Assistant Pool Manager** – Must become certified through Ellis Lifeguard Training. Must have lifeguard experience. \$10.00 per hour. Ellis Certification provided by Gardner Parks and Recreation at no cost to the employee.

***Swimming Lesson Coordinator** – Must become certified through Ellis Lifeguard Training. Must have experience with teaching swimming lessons. \$10.00 per hour. Ellis Certification provided by Gardner Parks and Recreation at no cost to the employee.

***Life Guard** – Must become certified through Ellis Lifeguard Training. Must be at least 15 years of age. \$7.50 per hour. Ellis Certification provided by Gardner Parks and Recreation at no cost to the employee.

***Swim Lesson Instructor**—Must become certified through Ellis Lifeguard Training. Must be at least 15 years of age. \$7.75 per hour. Ellis Certification provided by Gardner Parks and Recreation at no cost to the employee.

***Pool Cashier** – Must be at least 15 years of age. \$5.75 per hour.

***Pool Maintenance**—Primary responsibilities include cleaning pool deck, drains and restroom facilities. Must be at least 15 years of age. \$8.25 per hour.

***Concession Manager** – Must be at least 18 years of age. Primary responsibilities include everyday operation of two concession stands at the Gardner Aquatics Center and ball field complex; which includes ordering, pricing, and inventory of all products along with supervising, scheduling and managing of approximately 35 concession workers. \$8.25 per hour.

***Concession Worker** – Must be at least 14 years of age. Responsibilities include food sales at the Gardner Aquatics Center and/or sports complex. Applicants should possess good math and customer service skills. \$5.75 per hour.

***Facility Supervisor** – Must be at least 18 years of age. Work in the evenings, 2 to 3 nights per week, Monday thru Friday, with some Saturday hours possible. Primary responsibilities include supervising baseball and softball games at the sports complex located in Gardner. General knowledge of baseball and softball rules a plus. Must be able to handle difficult situations and work well under pressure. \$9.50 hour.

***Umpires** – Must be at least 16 years of age. Primary responsibilities include umpiring baseball and/or softball games; working 1 to 5 nights a week. General knowledge of baseball/softball rules is a must. Applicants must provide their own uniform and attend a mandatory training session. \$30.00 per game.

***Scorekeepers** – Must be at least 14 years of age. Primary responsibilities include operating scoreboards at the local sports complex. Must have general knowledge of baseball/softball rules. \$5.75 hour.

***Park Maintenance Seasonal** – Must be at least 16 years of age. Seasonal work will be completed early March through Mid October. Must be available for evening and weekend hours. Primary responsibilities include activities such as mowing, landscaping, athletic field preparations, and other park maintenance duties. \$9.50 hour

Upcoming Winter Activities

Daddy Daughter Ball

Friday, February 2
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For Ages 5-12

\$55.00 per couple
\$20.00 per additional daughter

Ball Conference Center
21350 W. 153rd Street
Olathe, KS

Registration Deadline: January 19th by 5 p.m.

Introduction to Tae Kwon Do

Session I, II & III: *Completed*
Session IV: February 14 to March 21
Session V: March 28 to May 2

5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Senior Citizen's Building
For Ages 6 and older
\$50 (per session)

Registration Deadline: The Friday Before Session Starts

Intermediate Tae Kwon Do

Session I & II: *Completed*
Session III: January 3 to February 7
Session IV: February 14 to March 21
Session V: March 28 to May 2

5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Senior Citizen's Building
For Ages 6 and older
\$55 (per session)

Registration Deadline: The Friday Before Session Starts

Friday Night Crops

February 2 and March 2
6:00 p.m. to Midnight
Senior Citizen's Building
For ages 16 and older
\$5.00 per crop

Registration Deadline: The Thursday before the Crop

For the first time, Gardner Parks and Recreation has joined hands with Olathe Parks and Recreation to form a Valentine's event you won't want to miss! Show the young lady in your life just how important she is by inviting her to a special evening out at the elegant Ball Conference Center. This evening will be full of dancing, refreshments, complimentary photos and other surprises to share with your daughters. So, put on your dancing shoes, let your daughters get all dressed up and take them on a Daddy-Daughter Date to remember!

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited, so register early!

Minimum: 50 couples; Maximum: 100 couples



This 6-week class is a basic introduction to Tae-Kwon-Do which is the Korean martial art that promotes discipline, focus, self-control and physical fitness. Students will be introduced to self-defense techniques as well as kicks and punches. They will also learn traditional forms and customs.

Day of Week: Wednesday



This 6-week class is designed for those who have already taken Introduction to Tae Kwon Do (regardless of when they took the class). It is also open to anyone who has prior experience in Martial Arts. Students in this class will have the opportunity to continue their study of Martial Arts and move up the ranks towards a Black Belt, which should be the ultimate goal for all students.

Day of Week: Wednesday



Pictures tell a thousand words and we all know that these days it's hard to find time to sit down and put together a nice, personalized scrapbook. Whether you are just getting started in scrapbooking, or you're already a scrapbooking expert, this group is for you! There will be plenty of room to spread out and work on your projects. Share and receive creative ideas with others, make some friends and see how much you can get done! Bring your dinner, snacks and drinks with you. From beginners to advanced, all skill levels are welcome.



Register Today!

at www.gardnerkansas.gov or by calling 856-0936.

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Water Improvement and Development—In 2006, the City completed expansion of the Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant from 2 million gallons a day capacity to 4 million gallons a day. A new water tower started to rise in the northwest and before the end of the year the tank was hoisted to the top of the tower. This tower will hold 1 million gallons of water and will equalize the pressure to the system when it comes online in mid 2007. The City will replace over \$500,000 worth of aging waterlines in 2007 and plans to continue its waterline replacement program.

Wastewater Improvement and Development—The City began engineering design work in 2005 to replace the existing Bull Creek Treatment Plant with a lift station. The project was bid in late 2006 and construction to convert the plant to a lift station should commence shortly. The project is anticipated to be complete by late 2007. The total project cost is anticipated to be \$3.6 million. The new North Lift Station is also under construction and should be complete in 2007. This project is located just north of 167th Street on Gardner Road. The City will also conduct a stormwater infiltration study in 2007; the goal is to identify areas where the stormwater is getting into the wastewater system. Reduction in infiltration reduces the City's capacity needs for wastewater treatment and cost for treatment. This is the third study in an ongoing effort to evaluate infiltration and inflow to the City's wastewater collection system.

Electric Improvement and Development—The City completed the installation of Substation No. 3 in 2006. This station and transmission lines serve northwest Gardner and cost just over \$7.4 million to construct. Electric circuit replacements along Waverly Road will be completed in 2007 to enhance the reliability of the system west of Waverly Road. In 2006, the Manor subdivision circuit was rebuilt by replacing overhead lines. In 2007, the City's electric division will also rehabilitate the hospital circuit. In addition to these projects, the City will conduct a study on the viability of the system to determine how the system will continue to function given the change in the electric markets. In 2006, work on a separate study was started to indicate where future improvements would be needed and the cost of those improvements. This electric system master plan should be complete in early 2007.

The following were also part of the 2006 successes for the City of Gardner:

- Completion and release of a new City website in February 2006
- Planning for celebrating the Sesquicentennial in 2007
- Intermodal Review Committee study of Intermodal and Logistics Park
- A new Wal-Mart Super Center in October
- And maintained strong fiscal status through a A2 bond rating and receiving the GFOA award for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Community Calendar

Monday, January 15, 2007
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
City Offices Closed

Monday, January 15, 2007
Council Meeting moved to
Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Tuesday, January 16, 2007
Gardner's 150 Birthday Kick-off
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at City Hall
~ Community invited ~

Saturday, January 27, 2007
Gardneropoly Tournament
1:00-4:00 p.m. at
Wheatridge Middle School
For details visit
www.gardnerkansas.gov

February through June
Gardner Museum
Kansas & Local Gardner
History Exhibit featuring:
The Grange, Athena Club,
Masons & Knights of
Columbus, Dr. Reece, Dr.
Harkey, the Pharmacy and
Cramer Products

I Love Gardner Valentine's
Day Contest
For details visit
www.gardnerkansas.gov



Gardner Continues to Grow



In 2006, the City of Gardner welcomed nearly 900 new residents to the community, or almost 3 new neighbors a day. There are approximately 17,000 people who now call Gardner home. Just six years ago that number was about 10,200. In 2006, the City annexed an additional 252 acres into its corporate limits. Today Gardner is 9.79 square miles in size. The City installed 13.3 miles of new street, 7.9 miles of new wastewater lines, 3.6 miles of new storm sewer, 8.0 miles of water lines, 4 miles of new overhead electric distribution and transmission lines, rebuilt 1.25 miles of distribution line, and added 72 new street lights to the system.

There are currently sixteen subdivisions, with housing construction, occurring within Gardner. Permits for single family home construction reduced slightly in 2006 to 225 from 399 in 2005. The City anticipates similar construction numbers in 2007.

Raising a Water Tower



One of the City's big projects has been the construction of the Kill Creek water tower which is being constructed at 159th Street and Kill Creek Road. On December 18, 2006, the 1 million gallon water storage tank was hoisted 150 feet to the top of the pedestal. This was quite a feat. A link to a slideshow has been listed on the front page of the City's website. The overall height is

now 200 feet. The interior piping is complete and the next step is the painting of tank, which will begin in January 2007 as weather allows. The new tower will increase water storage capacity and improve water pressure for City residents.

Municipal Court Date Changes

In order to enable the court clerks to attend their annual training in February 2007, the February court dates were changed as follows:

From:

February 13, 2007	Pleas/Trials
February 14, 2007	Arraignments

To:

February 20, 2007	Pleas/Trials
February 21, 2007	Arraignments



Schedule of Public Meetings (120 E. Main Street)

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Regular Meetings

2nd Monday and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month,
the Wednesday following the
2nd Tuesday and the
4th Wednesday of the month
(All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

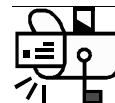
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